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Important Dates

- March 20—5th Grade Ameritowne, LA Night at Chipotle, 4-8pm
- March 21—PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- March 23-27— Washington DC Trip
- March 27—31—Spring Break
- April 3—No School, Teacher Development
- April 4—Students Return, SAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- April 6—5th to 6th Grade Info Meeting, 6:30pm
- April 7—Spirit Day, Spring Event, 6:30pm
- Click on the <u>Lincoln</u> <u>Calendar</u> for more calendar information

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5th Grade Living Biographies

5th graders Ella W. and Johanna B. (pictured above)presented living biographies of Jane Goodall and Louisa May Alcott.

Spring Book Fair



Volunteers Needed

The Spring Book Fair is coming to Lincoln Academy on April 11 - April 13 in the Student Center.

Volunteers are needed to set up April 10 and for the times and days of the book sale.

- Please click on the link below to sign up to help: <u>Book Fair</u> <u>Volunteer Sign Up</u>
- Questions? Please contact Kim McKinney at Kimberly.McKinney@jeffco.k12.co.

RACE

2017 Race to Read Challenge

Our annual Race to Read challenge is right around the corner! Starting Tuesday, April 4 through May 5, all Lincoln Academy students will have a chance to earn some amazing prizes for reading. Don't get left in the dust! Watch for more details to be sent home on Tuesday, April 4.

2017-2018 School Calendar

1st Day of School August 16, 2017
Fall Break October 20-23, 2017

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 20-24, 2017

Winter Break Dec. 18, 2017-Jan. 4, 2018
Spring Break March 26-March 30, 2018

Last Day of School May 24, 2018

CMAS/PARCC Testing for Grades 3-8

Beginning March 20 through April 20, students in grades 3-8 will be taking the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments in English language arts and math. CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) science tests will also be given in April to students in grades 5 and 8.

Attendance is important on these days, as make-ups may interfere with other classes. We ask that parents avoid scheduling doctor appointments or trips on these days if possible. Also, make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a nutritious breakfast each day to be well prepared for testing. Please encourage your student to do his or her best on these tests. Please click the links below for the testing schedules:

- Elementary CMAS/PARCC testing schedule
- Middle School CMAS/PARCC testing Schedule

Middle School Athletics



Boys Volleyball March

22 LA vs. Excel @ LA **April**

LA vs. Excel @ Excel

4:15pm

4:15pm

Girls Soccer

March

20 Parent & Player Meeting

3:45pm

April

13 LA vs. Global Village @ LA 19 LA vs. ECD @ LA

4:15pm 4:15pm

20 LA vs. WWA @ LA 4:15pm

Go to MS Athletics for more information about games and practice schedules. Go Leopards!

Middle School 'Snapshot'

Every week, click on the Middle School 'Snapshot' link to see a weekly list of assignments, projects, and upcoming events taking place in middle school!

What projects and assignments are coming up next week in Middle School? Click now to find out!

2018 Florida Trip Meeting

Is your student interested in next year's trip to Florida? Please attend a brief, interactive meeting for parents and students!

- April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 310
- Click the flyer for more details



Ralston House Pinwheel Garden at **Lincoln Academy**

The Lincoln Academy Honor Society is hosting a Pinwheel Garden to be placed on our

property in order to support the Ralston House. Ralston House Child Advocacy Center works with law enforcement, human services, district attorney's offices in the 1st and 17th Judicial Districts (Jefferson, Adams, Gilpin and Broomfield counties), and the community to provide a safe place to investigate child abuse and ensure victim services for children who have been physically or sexually abused or witnessed violence. Serving over 1,000 children per year, Ralston House also provides education and outreach to the general public to prevent child abuse.

Each pinwheel costs \$5.00. Bright blue pinwheels are a symbol of child abuse prevention awareness across the nation. Ralston House will be going to organizations in Jefferson, Adams and Broomfield Counties asking them to plant gardens of pinwheels in April to support the children in the community who have suffered abuse and to support efforts to keep children safe from abuse.

To order a pinwheel, please see the attached order form and enclose cash or check, payable to Ralston House by Friday, April 7. The pinwheels will be placed in our garden by the Lincoln Academy marquee along Oak Street. Thank you for joining our efforts to plant seeds of hope for children in our community.



(Pictured above) NHS students collected Packs of Hope backpacks this December.



Attention, 8th grade families! We need one baby/toddler picture of your child for the 8th grade graduation video (no newborn pictures, please!). It is much better if the photo of your child does not include other family members. Digital photos from a digital camera are preferred and can be emailed to Mr. Nishida at

martin.nishida@jeffco.k12.co.us. All digital photos must be in a standard image format - jpg, png, bmp, etc.

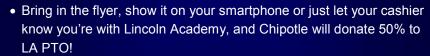
If a digital photo is not available, please have your child bring in a regular picture to Mr. Nishida to be scanned. To ensure the correct resolution and image format, please do not scan the picture yourself. All pictures will be scanned and returned to the students to take back home.

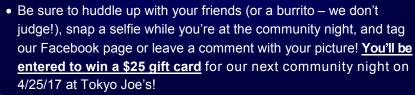
All pictures are due to Mr. Nishida by Friday, April 28th so that he can begin creating the video. Please email Mr. Nishida if you have any questions.

LA Community Night at Chipotle, March 20

Bring your family and friends to our next LA Community Night!

- Monday, March 20 from 4-8 p.m.
- CHIPOTLE Mexican Grill
- 12550 West 64th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80004





Give While You Shop at AmazonSmile





When you shop through smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate .5% back to Lincoln Academy! Proceeds are used for Staff Appreciation and classroom gifts. Thank you for supporting Lincoln Academy while you shop!



PTO Meeting, March 21

Join us on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the school library. Childcare provided for FREE by Champions!

We are planning LOTS of fun events this spring and would LOVE your input:

- 4/7/17 Spring Event: Fiesta
- 4/20/17 Parent/Teacher Social



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who

helped with the Staff Appreciation lunch on Tuesday. The food was amazing, and the staff enjoyed the pies and homemade favorites! We are very *lucky* to have such great staff AND parents! Thanks to our wonderful community of volunteers for helping make staff appreciation extra special!

Lincoln Academy Spring Fiesta, April 7



Mark your calendar for our fun-filled Spring Event!
Friday, April 7, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center and Gym \$10 per family or 2 baked goods (8-10 servings each)

We need lots of volunteers and donations for this event. Sign up to help today!

- Latin Music and Dancing!
- Salsa challenge
- Pie eating contest
- Cake walk (\$1 per ticket)

- Taco Bar (\$5 per plate for adults, \$2 per plate for kids)
- Family games and lots of FUN!

Spirit Day

The next Spirit Day is Friday, April 7 (the Friday after Spring Break, so don't forget!). Show your LA spirit by wearing our school colors (navy,



burgundy, or gold. School dress code still applies). Or, dress in fun, fiesta outfits in celebration of our evening Fiesta! Olé!



Stay updated on all LA PTO events by

joining us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/lincolnacademycharter

Jeffco Night with the Colorado Mammoth



Get your discounted tickets to watch the Colorado Mammoth take on the Saskatchewan Rush!

- Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pepsi Center
- Upper Level \$15
 Lower/Club Level \$23 No taxes or fees!
- A portion of every ticket purchased will benefit the Jeffco Schools Foundation
- To purchase tickets, order online at: <u>mam-</u> mothtix.com/jeffco
- Contact Molly Baltzer at 303.575.1915 or mol-

ly.baltzer@teamkse.c om with questions

2016-2017 Lincoln Academy Value Awards

Congratulations to the following LA staff 2016-2017 Value Awards recipients:

Exemplary Performance - Julie Pollack

Julie has created an exemplary learning environment for her students. She approaches curriculum with the highest of standards, creativity, and organization. She ensures all students are supported and engaged for successful learning. Julie understands the importance of parental involvement in student success and she fosters positive relationships with parents. Julie approaches each day with grace, humor, enthusiasm and excellence.

Valuing People - Karen Dwyer

Karen has done an amazing job at valuing the students, staff, and families of Lincoln Academy. Karen treats others with respect and genuinely wants what's best for everyone around her. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help others even if it means giving up her own time. Karen is dedicated to making Lincoln Academy a better place.



Nancy Martinez has shown integrity in her years at Lincoln Academy. In her work she is consist-

ently kind, hardworking, and honest. For example, she recently went through a major transition in leadership in the facilities

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LA PRIDE

Each week, we'd like to highlight some of the ways, big or small, that

teachers and staff at Lincoln Academy go above and beyond to make Lincoln special. This week, we recognize.....

Mr. Enoch Miller, P.E. Teacher

"I have observed how consistent he cares for all of our students and adjusts his teaching style for every grade level. No matter the grade level, though, his students are always seated quietly for every beginning of class and it's really impressive!"



(Pictured above) Miss Pollack, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Martinez, and Mrs. MC department and managed it with grace. Our school is a brighter, more thoughtful, respectful and hopeful place because of her presence.

Teamwork - Elizabeth Meyer-Chapman

Elizabeth (aka M.C.) is a perfect example of a team player. M.C. makes every-

one around her better and will take on any task to ensure the success of the many teams she works with. Whether she's in the leadership role or is simply a team member, you can always depend on M.C. to do her job and assist wherever help is needed. Every school needs an M.C.!

After School Chess & Lego Clubs at Lincoln Academy

The final sessions of Strategic Chess and Lego Engineering will be starting up the week before Spring Break. Sign up today!

- Chess Club, Tuesdays starting March 21, 3:20-4:20 p.m. \$96 for session. Open to grades 1-8.
- Lego Engineering, Wednesdays starting March 22, 3:20-4:20 p.m. \$104 for session. Open to grades 1-8.
- Visit <u>www.StrategicKids.com</u> to register online

2017 Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition Awards: Deadline April 14

Nominate a teacher for the 2017 Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition Awards. Each year, since 2002, the foundation has honored 10 hardworking, effective and caring Colorado public school teachers (PreK-12)

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during the first week of May (National Teacher Appreciation week). Anyone can nominate a teacher! In the past, we've had student, colleague, staff, parent, and principal nominators. Click here to learn more and read JPF's new guidelines for the 2017 nominations!

Youth Football Camp with Von Miller, June 20-21

Learn from and interact with Denver All-Pro Linebacker Von Miller at his annual Safeway Youth Football ProCamp in partnership with Tide.



- Boys and Girls, grades 1-8
- June 20-21, 9am-12:30pm
- Englewood High School
- Use promo code 'Jeffco' to save 10% (Designate Lincoln Academy as your school, and a portion of your registration comes back to LA!)
- Each camper will receive a limitededition camp t-shirt, a camp team photo with Von, and a souvenir autograph (item provided).
- Register at vonmillercamp.com

Homework, Grades, Sports, Chores, and Parent-Child Relationships

by Dr. Charles Fay

Does almost every day feel like a blur? Do you often find yourself wishing you had five or six more hands so you could juggle everything that comes your way? Conscientious parents in today's world face a dizzying array of competing demands upon their time and energy. When everything heading our way feels like an

ultimate essential, it can be tough to determine where to

place our priorities.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would we at Love and Logic rank the importance of homework, grades, sports, chores, and parent-child relationships? As you read, keep in mind that these rankings are based on empirical research,

decades of experience with thousands of parents, educators, and other professionals... and of course my own subconscious biases. Ultimately, all of us have to decide what's best for our unique children, families, and schools.

Homework

1-----2-----8-----9-----10

Homework is important, but nearly 100 years of research has failed to give it a stellar grade. Much of the debate reflects researchers' difficulty determining how much homework is done by kids... and how much is primarily done by their parents.

Provide a time and place for your children to complete their homework. Help them as long as it is fun for both of you... and as long as they are doing most of the work. Since homework only receives a three on the scale, let them be responsible for either getting it done or explaining to their teacher why they haven't. Never fight with your kids over homework.

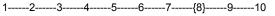
See: Trautwein, U., & Koller, O. (2003). The relationship between homework and achievement—still much of a mystery. *Educational Psychology Review*, 15, 115-145.

Grades



Grades are important but not as important as developing character and a passion for learning. Besides, too many kids begin to gravitate toward easier subjects and classes because they are more concerned with GPA than true intellectual growth.

Sports (and other healthy extracurricular activities)



Kids who participate in sports, music lessons, and other healthy extracurricular activities are far less likely to become involved in drugs, sex, and other damaging behaviors. They also tend to do better in school!

See: Stephens, L. J., & Schaben, L. A. (2002, March). The effect of interscholastic sports participation on academic achievement of middle level school activi-

ties. National Association of Secondary School Principals Bulletin, 86, 34-42.

Chores

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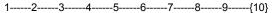
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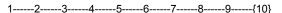
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their strengths



Yes! Chores are more important than homework, grades, and extracurricular activities. Chores... completed without chronic reminders and without pay... help our kids feel more tightly connected to the family team, allow them to develop perseverance, combat entitlement, and build healthy selfesteem. In a Love and Logic home, kids get to do their homework and participate in extracurricular activities after they have finished contributing to the family.

Parent-Child Relationships



Love and Logic is all about developing healthy relationships... that last a lifetime. Why? Because there's nothing more important to life-long success than our children viewing us as being simultaneously loving and strong. Too frequently this relationship is sacrificed in an attempt to nag, threaten, or punish kids into doing their homework and getting good grades.

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Apex Job Fair March 25, 1-4 p.m.

On Saturday, March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Apex Field House, 5724 Oak St., Arvada, CO 80002, come meet hiring coordinators with Apex Park and Recreation District who are looking for summer and long-term employees. At the fair, you can find out all the details on available positions, apply on-site and even interview.

The district currently has openings for lifeguards, tennis instructors, youth dance instructors, youth gymnastics instructors, custodians, camp leaders and counselors, sports officials, coaches, scorekeepers and more.

For information on current openings, visit apexprd.org/jobs.

Board of Directors

Highlights from the March Board meeting will be posted next week. We invite all families to attend our next regular Board meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Love and Logic Parent-Child Relationships

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Conclusion

There are many paths to success. Some kids go the traditional route, finding relatively easy success in learning and in school. Others struggle with school yet develop valuable skills through other avenues. When all is said and done, the priorities should always be placed on relationships, building good character, and helping kids learn to focus on their strengths.

For more Love and Logic tips, visit www.loveandlogic.com.

Snacks Options from Jeffco Lunch Program



Jeffco Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) offers snacks options for students. These

snacks meet all Federal nutritional standards (known as Smart Snacks in Schools). FNS supports each family's decision to allow or not allow their child(ren) to purchase additional snack items.

If families choose to limit or not allow student snack purchases, parents can fill out the attached form and return to our kitchen manager, Jennifer Goshorn.

Colorado Charter School Advocacy Day

Thursday, April 13 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Colorado State Capitol Attend this event to learn about the Colorado legislative process, garner helpful tips about effective advocacy, understand current education bills with impacts on charter schools visit the state Capitol, meet elected officials and share your story about the importance of charter public schools.

Please contact Dan Schaller at dschaller@coloradoleague.org to learn more about this opportunity. Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1.

Provide Your Feedback on the **Colorado Academic Standards!**



CDE has developed an online standards review system to enable all Coloradans to provide specific feedback on each and every expectation within all 10 content areas of the Colorado Academic Standards. This is your chance to provide feedback directly to the committees that will be making recommendations for revisions to the standards. This is a first-of-its-kind opportunity that will only be available until April 30, 2017.

More information about the standards review and revision process and the online standards feedback system can be found at: http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview Go directly to the online standards feedback system: https://www.cde.state.co.us/apps/ costandardsreview/login

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IDW WESTSIDE COTILLION at the Arvada Center, Sundays beginning March 19

Classes for 3rd - 4th grades, 5th - 6th grades, 7th - 8th grades For information & registration go to www.cotillion.com or contact Vicki Buchmann at arvada@cotillion.com or 303.809.9502

Please see the <u>cotillion flyer</u> for more information.



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Parenting Safe Children Seminar

- Saturday, April 22, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 2:00
- Where: Red Rocks Elementary School, 17199 Highway74 Morrison, CO 80465
- Cost & Registration: \$53.75 / person (materials & light refreshments included) at www.parentingsafechil dren.com
 - Must pay in advance to reserve your space
 - Registration payment is nonrefundable & nontransferable to other **PSC** dates
- Your Host: Red Rocks PTA Jessica Angerman: 303.912.9112 jbangerman@gmail.com
- For more information, www.parentingsafechil dren.com.



June 5-9, 2017

In partnership with Invent Now, Lincoln Academy Charter School is pleased to offer the nationallyacclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering grades K through six, June 5-9 right here at Lincoln Academy! This exciting, weeklong summer adventure in creativity immerses children in imaginative play that reinforces and supplements school-year learning in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Children will work together to seek innovative solutions to real -world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills such as teamwork and creative problem solving as they rotate through four modules each day that disguise learning as fun.

Local educators will facilitate program modules, and enthusiastic high school and college students will serve as Leadership Interns – ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Registration is \$225 for this week-long camp. Sign up by March 20th to save \$25. Every registration includes a free Camp Invention t-shirt. This year will be offering Extended Camp to accommodate working families. Extended Camp hours are 7:30 to 5:30 PM and will cost an additional \$80. Availability is limited, so visit www.campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to reserve your child's spot today! Contact Kim McKinney at kmckinne@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information and to find out about discount opportunities.

LA Board of Directors Elections

The Lincoln Academy Board of Directors will be holding an election in April to fill 3 vacancies - 2 left by term limits of Doug Neely and Kristi Geisz and an additional existing vacancy.

Please read the following information to learn more about what it means to be a member of the Board:

WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO?

- The Board governs the school with an emphasis
 - Outward vision rather than internal preoccupa-
 - Encouragement of diversity in viewpoints
 - ♦ Strategic leadership more than administrative
 - ♦ Clear distinction of <u>Board and Principal roles</u>
 - Collective rather than individual decisions
 - Pro-activity rather than reactivity
- · The Board cultivates a sense of group responsibility for excellence in governing, using the expertise of individual members to enhance the ability of the
- The Board enforces upon itself whatever discipline is needed to govern with excellence.
- The Board sets and monitors the school budget.
- The Board establishes, monitors and evaluates carefully written Board policies.
- The Board governs consistently with respect to the school's mission and vision, charter contract, policies, local, state, and federal laws and other applicable contracts.
- The Board's sole employee is the principal. It is the Board's responsibility to hire, monitor and evaluate the principal.
- Board members must agree to follow the <u>Board</u> Member Code of Conduct.

 Individual Board members also lead Board committees, which advise the Board in fulfilling its duties and report to the Board at monthly meetings: Finance, Governance, Facilities, School Accountability Committee (SAC), and Development.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A BOARD MEM-BER?

- · A love of Lincoln Academy and a history of regular involvement or committed volunteer time at our school. "Any parent/legal guardian who wishes to apply for a Board vacancy must have served a minimum of one school year in one of the following committees with an attendance rate of fifty percent or better: Board committees, PTO, Building Corporation Board, or other capacity approved by the Board." (Lincoln Academy Charter School Bylaws)
- Be willing to read E.D. Hirsch's book Cultural Literacy or The Schools We Need and agree with the principles of the Core Knowledge® Curriculum.
- Be willing to attend monthly Board meetings (on the second Monday of the month) as well as other committee meetings and training sessions as necessary. The time commitment is approximately 10-20 hours/month and will easily put you over the 20 hours requested of each school family.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM INTERESTED AND **HOW DO I APPLY?**

- Speak to Board President, Doug Neely, or another member of the Board of Directors.
- Fill out an application. An application can be found on the Board of Directors page of the school web-
- Applications must be given to Board President, Doug Neely, or turned in to the front office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3.
- Applicants will be asked to address the Board at the regular business meeting on Monday, April 10.
- Elections will be held by paper ballot in the front office of the school from Tuesday, April 18 - Friday, April 21.

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LINCOLN ACADEMY VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Lincoln
Academy is to prepare all
students for their future
endeavors by providing a
comprehensive Core
Knowledge education.



LINCOLN ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lincoln
Academy is to help all
students attain their
highest social and academic
potential through an
academically rigorous,
content-rich education
program in a safe, orderly,
and caring
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spot for a Summer Camp like no
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- · Ads must be submitted by Tuesdays at 3pm
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